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## **Disability Commission Minutes 06/15/05**

### **ARLINGTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY MEETING MINUTES JUNE 15, 2005**

**Members Present:** Tom Boudreau, Barbara Cutler, Joseph Giurleo, Susan James,  
 Kevin O'Brien, Maureen St. Hilaire

**Members Absent:** Lin Baker, Barbara Jones, Louis Krodel

**Others Present:** Kerrie Fallon

#### **Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2005:**

Approval of the April 20, 2005 meeting minutes was tabled until the August 17, 2005 Meeting.

#### **Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2005:**

Tom made a motion seconded by Kevin to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2005 with the following additions. That Barbara C. will send a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Commission's disappointment with the CDBG FY'06 funding level for curb cut work. That the minutes state that the Commission requests to be informed about any issues that involve access issues in the Town. That Barbara C. requests that curb cut funds appropriated for FY'05 be expended by June 30, 2005.

#### **Old Business:**

Jack said that Ron Santosuosso, Town engineer, has informed him that a contractor has been selected to install curb ramps along Massachusetts Avenue during the summer months.

Jack said that Town Meeting received a report on the results of the Vision 2020 survey, which included six questions submitted by the Disability Commission. The survey results indicated that approximately fifteen percent of Arlington households had at least one household member with a disability. The survey also indicated that a major issue of concern to most Arlington households was snow and ice removal. Jack said that 1,700 Arlington households completed the survey out of approximately 19,000.

#### **New Business:**

Jack said that the Massachusetts Office on Disability and the Arlington Disability Commission has scheduled curb ramp training at the Ottoson Middle School for August 17, 2005. Barbara C. said that signage directing participants to the Ottoson Middle School for the training should be provided. Jack said that the Mass. Office on Disability would send directions and a flyer about the training to local Disability Commissions, architects, engineers and other appropriate parties.

Jack said that the circular ramp at the Peirce Elementary School has received a variance from the Architectural Access Board for the curve in the ramp with conditions that the slope requirements are brought into compliance with AAB regulations.

Jack said that Town Day has been scheduled for Saturday September 17, 2005. Barbara C. and Tom requested that the Town Day Committee accommodate the Disability Commission by providing space closer to the Town Hall than what was provided last year.

Barbara C. said that she delivered a letter to the Board of Selectmen at the Town Meeting regarding the Commission's disappointment that the Selectmen and Town Manager have given preliminary approval to fund only \$25,000 of the almost \$1.5 million given to Arlington by the Federal government for curb ramp installations.

Jack said that the Massachusetts Office on Disability has scheduled a Community Access Monitoring Training at the Brookline Town Hall for September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The fee for attending this training is \$15.00 for consumers and \$85.00 for professionals.

**Community Development Update:**

Kevin said that the Redevelopment Board has granted a special permit for a medical office building at the location of the former Symmes Hospital Nurses Building. Kevin said that within the next two weeks the developer of the former Symmes property would submit an application for a special permit for the residential development at the site.

**Legislative Update:**

Barbara C. said that funding for Medicaid is being reduced. Barbara C. said that she is concerned about the lack of solid support for MiCISSA, which is legislation that would provide elderly and disabled an alternative to nursing homes.

**Adjournment:**

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 6:05 P.M.